

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

## Regulator valve being tested for launch possibility Wednesday



▲ **Mission Update:** NASA managers postponed the launch of Space Shuttle Endeavour on Mission STS-111/UF2 to June 5 to allow technicians time to change out a faulty gaseous nitrogen regulator valve in the left Orbital Maneuvering System pod. Workers at the pad have completed the removal and replacement of the valve and leak checks are in work. The weather forecast for Wednesday shows some improvement over the last several days, but forecasters indicate a 40 percent chance of weather prohibiting launch on Wednesday due to possible afternoon thunderstorms and rain showers.

▲ **Savings Bond Campaign:** The 2002 U.S. Savings Bonds campaign for federal employees will be underway June 4 -14. In addition to the Series EE Savings Bonds available, you can choose the inflation-protected I-bonds. Your money can now be immune from inflation while still earning competitive interest rates. Employees can participate in the program by filling out the traditional enrollment card or by using Employee Express. For more information, contact Christina Brown at 867-8463.

◆ **Recycle Phone Books:** The 2002 Telephone Book Recycling Campaign will end June 7. Please recycle your outdated telephone books by placing them in the outgoing mailboxes; they will be picked up by the mail carriers. In addition, two bulk collection dumpsters are designated for recycling your Bell South telephone books: one is located at the southeast end of the Headquarters Building and the other dumpster is located at the southwest end of the OSB Building. If you have more books than your outgoing mailbox can hold, please place them in a neat stack on the floor, table or desk next to the mailbox. Please do not put the



## KSC Savings Bond campaign kicks off June 4

telephone books in the trash. Recycle them! If you have any other questions about recycling your old phone books, please contact Alice Smith at 867-8454 or Hien Nguyen at 867-8455.

◆ **Hurricane Season Is Here** — In a storm situation, KSC could lose all power and computer services. For this reason the KSC Emergency Preparedness Office has established a virtual Web site at Marshall Space Flight Center where individuals who have evacuated the local area in a storm situation can find out the latest duty status and updated information about KSC. Please bookmark or write down both Web sites (<http://ksc-eoc.ksc.nasa.gov> and <http://ksc-eoc.msfc.nasa.gov>) on home PCs and laptops that you might carry with you. Call Wayne M. Kee, CEM KSC Emergency Preparedness Officer, Spaceport Services Directorate, 321-867-3795 if you have any questions.

◆ **Reminder:** You must purchase a ticket by June 7 for the BEST BBQ at KARS II on Friday, June 21 All KSC/CCAFS employees are invited. Food will be served from 3 pm - 6 pm. *Tickets are limited and will not be sold on the day of the event.* For more information or for tickets, please contact Stacie.Smith, at 867-5298, or e-mail to [Stacie.Smith-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Stacie.Smith-1@ksc.nasa.gov).



◆ **Did You Know?** Scientists hope that an unusual experiment slated for launch on the Space Shuttle this summer will reveal how plants know up from down. The seeds of flax plants will be sprouted in orbit to help figure out how plants sense gravity. Read the full story at [http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/15may\\_maggrav.htm?list550276](http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2002/15may_maggrav.htm?list550276).

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